

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 6/3/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932; Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-17 renewal contract (Clerk's file) with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College nursing students. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign a FY 2014-17 renewal contract with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College nursing students.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent { } Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. ____) { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions { X } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A Date: <u>08-09-2011</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin LMFT, Behavioral Health Services Administrator

DATE: 6/3/2014

SUBJECT: Request to approve a FY 2014-17 renewal contract (Clerk's file) with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College nursing students. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign a FY 14-17 renewal contract with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College nursing students.

DISCUSSION

Since 1967 Behavioral Health has participated in a training and education program designed for Cuesta College nursing students to provide the opportunity to gain valuable experience in a psychiatric health facility or outpatient setting. Although students are primarily engaged in observation and learning, they do participate in several activities with the clients. Such participation may include taking vital signs, monitoring meals, reading charts, and sitting with any children in the children's ward. Students do not participate in client containment, therapy, chart documentation, or other activities requiring licensed staff.

Nursing students assigned to the Psychiatric Health Facility and outpatient service sites receive their training from Cuesta College instructors. The college also provides the required liability and insurance coverage for students participating in the program. Observational opportunities and clinical experience are essential elements in the students' course of study. Approximately 15 nursing students participate in the program throughout the semester. Students are transitioned through the program in groups of two or three and are assigned to several weeks of full-day sessions. Behavioral Health benefits from this collaboration by supporting clinical programs that increase the number of qualified nurses in our community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The clinical training offered to Cuesta College nursing students is a collaborative program which involves no monetary compensation for services by either County or the Community College District.

RESULTS

Behavioral Health is providing training for nursing students at Cuesta College at no cost to the County or the District. This valuable program provides real life experience in a psychiatric inpatient unit or outpatient setting to nursing students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to do so. The nursing students have the opportunity to work with individuals with mental illness and gain a broader base of knowledge and an understanding of the various types of nursing services that are needed in the community. Since the program's inception in 1967, approximately 1,700 nurses have graduated from the program. Within the past five years, approximately 200 nurses have graduated, averaging 40 nurses per year. By providing support for health care education within the county, the number of qualified nurses in the community increases, which, in turn, increases the probability of delivering appropriate services to clients, thereby increasing positive

treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's Filed Coversheet Cuesta College Contract Renewal FY 14-17